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REMARKS

Rejection of claims 30-32 Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

The Examiner has rejected claims 30-35 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by United States patent number 6,120,197 issued to Kawamoto et al (hereinafter referred to as Kawamoto). In response to the Examiner's rejections, the Applicant has amended claim 30 and canceled claims 31 and 32.

The cancellation of claims 31 and 32 overcomes the rejections of these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections of claims 31 and 32 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

The amended claim 30 includes the limitations of "forming images on the media using the first imaging device for ones of the plurality of sets having at least one of the included pages of ***data having at least part of the data equal to or greater than the first resolution***; and forming images on the media using the second imaging device for ones of the plurality of sets having none of the included pages of data ***having at least part of the data equal to or greater than the first resolution***". (emphasis added) The Applicant respectfully contends that Kawamoto does not teach or suggest this limitation recited in the amended claim 30.

The Examiner has relied upon column 12, lines 1-59, figure 10, and column 9, lines 46-62 of Kawamoto in making the rejection of claim 30 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). However, none of these referenced sections of Kawamoto disclose, expressly or inherently, subject matter upon which the limitations of the amended claim 30 recited in the previous paragraph read. Furthermore the Applicant could not locate subject matter elsewhere within Kawamoto which disclose, expressly or inherently, subject matter upon which the limitations of the amended claim 30 recited in the previous paragraph read.

According to MPEP section 2131, "A claim is anticipated only if ***each and every element*** as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." (emphasis added) Therefore, for at least the reason that Kawamoto does not meet this requirement, the Applicant respectfully asserts that the amended claim 30 is not anticipated by Kawamoto. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of the amended claim 30 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Kawamoto.

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Rejections of Claims 33-35 Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claim 33 includes the limitations of ***"Including blank units of the media, corresponding to the ones of the plurality of pages of data having the second characteristic, among units of the media having the Images corresponding to the first characteristic according to the order"*** (emphasis added) The Applicant respectfully contends that Kawamoto does not teach or suggest this limitation recited in claim 33. The Examiner has relied upon column 12, lines 1-59, figure 10, and column 9, lines 46-62 of Kawamoto in making the rejection of claims 33-35 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). However, none of these referenced sections of Kawamoto disclose, expressly or inherently, subject matter upon which the limitations of claim 33 recited previously in this paragraph read. Furthermore the Applicant could not locate subject matter elsewhere within Kawamoto which disclose, expressly or inherently, subject matter upon which these limitations of claim 33 read. If such subject matter is included withing Kawamoto, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to specifically identify its location with Kawamoto.

According to MPEP section 2131, "A claim is anticipated only if ***each and every element*** as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." (emphasis added) Therefore, for at least the reason that Kawamoto does not meet this requirement, the Applicant respectfully asserts that claim 33 is not anticipated by Kawamoto 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). Furthermore, because claims 34 and 35 are dependent upon claim 33, and therefore incorporate all the limitations of claim 33, the Applicant also respectfully asserts that claims 34 and 35 are not anticipated by Kawamoto 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of the amended claim 33-35 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Kawamoto.

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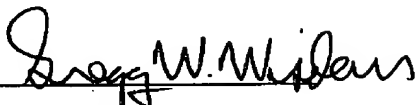
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Conclusion

The Applicant respectfully contends that the subject application is in a condition for allowance. Accordingly, allowance is respectfully request.

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